

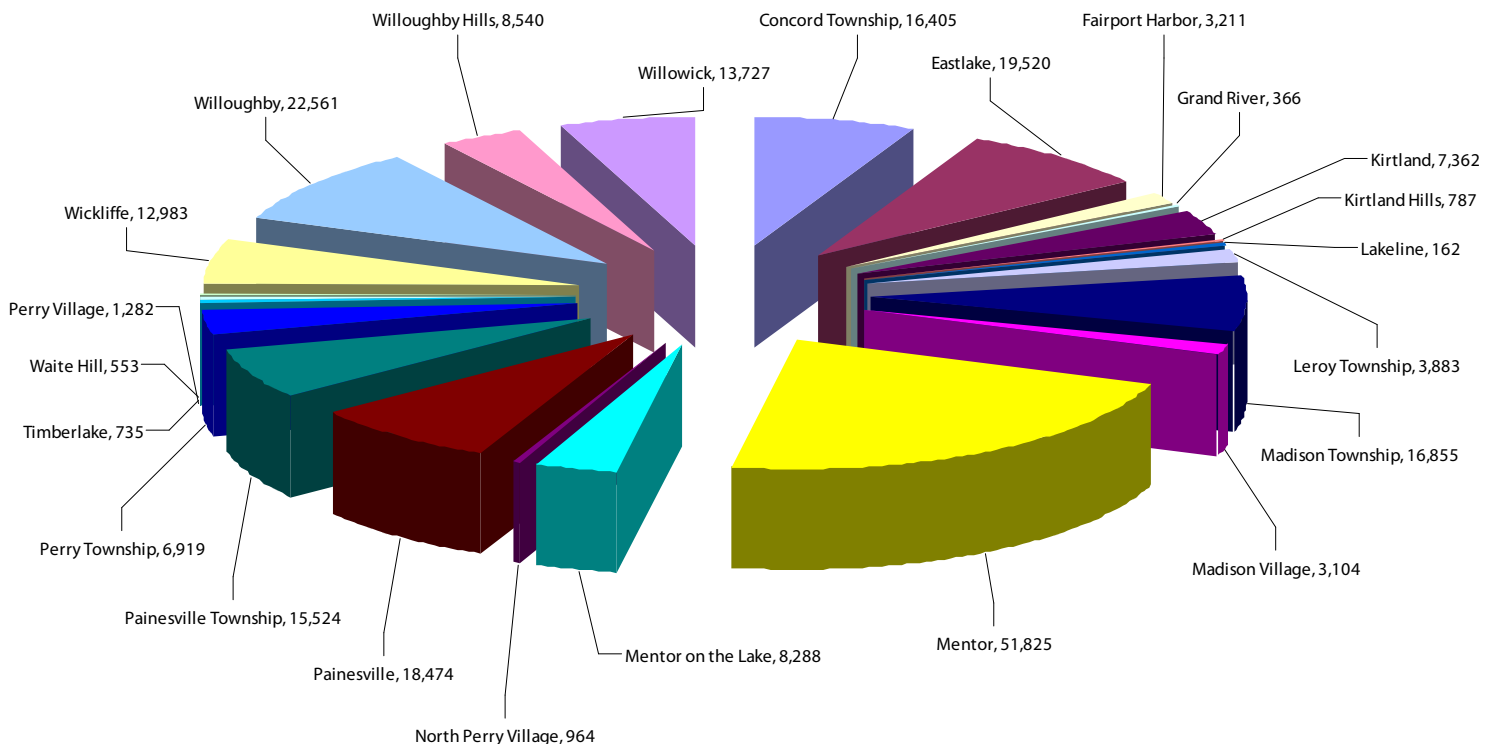
## Census 2008 Population Estimates

The Census Bureau 2008 population estimate for Lake County Ohio is 234,030 people. This is an increase of 6,519 people over the Census 2000 count of 227,511 people. Currently, Lake County has seven communities (four cities and three townships) with a population over 15,000 people. Our population ranges from 162 in Lakeline to 51,825 in Mentor.

While Lake County has experienced a 2.87% population growth rate, several communities have exceeded that growth rate. Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Leroy, North Perry Village, Perry Township and Waite Hill all had double digit growth. While it is positive that communities experience double digit growth in their population, the analysis must consider the populations of three of these communities, Waite Hill, Kirtland Hills and North Perry Village are below 1,000 people and a modest gain of 100 people becomes a major percentage gain.

The average population gain for the communities was 534 people and the average population loss was 290 people. As shown on page 2, the west to east population shift in Lake County continues to impact the west end communities as their populations have decreased. Smaller family sizes and an older demographic base may also contribute to the slight decrease in residents.

Mentor has been ranked as one of the twenty-five largest cities in the State of Ohio. It was ranked 23rd in 2000 with a population of 50,278. They have moved up to the 17<sup>th</sup> largest community in the state, and the eighth largest community in Northeast Ohio.



This information is from the US Census Bureau. Local estimates may differ based on local building permits or other statistical methods.

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